GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES
BHUWAN CHANDRA AVSM (RETD.) KHANDURI

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the Government owned Pharmaceutical companies functioning in the country and the investment made therein, company-wise;

(b) the names of drugs being manufactured in each of these companies; (

(c) the total production of bulk drugs and formulations made during the last three years;

(d) whether any of the Public Sector units are being closed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) IDPL, HAL,BCPL,BIL & SSPL are the Government owned Pharmaceutical companies and the Government equity therein as on 31.3.2000 is Rs.116.8 Crores, Rs. 44.41 Crores , Rs. 13.96 Crores,Rs. 40.67 Crores and Rs. 24.52Crores respectively. In addition, an amount of Rs. 149.84 Crores , Rs. 29.90Crores and Rs. 1.93 crores is pending allotment towards equity in IDPL , BCPLand HAL respectively.

(b) Of these, IDPL has discontinued production of bulk drugs whereas HALproduces various forms of Penicillin, Streptomycin, Aureofungin etc., BCPLproduces Anti-venom serum (in bulk) and BIL produces various types of Sera andVaccines (in bulk). SSPL does not produce any bulk drug.

(c) the total value of the drugs and formulations produced by these companies during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is about Rs. 88 Crores, Rs. 98 Crores and Rs. 104 Crores respectively.

(d) & (e) All the companies have been referred to BIFR.The future of these companies would be determined by the proceedings and the final decision of the BIFR.